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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 20 July 1965

DDI reported on the current status of Vietnam War Game planning, including a briefing to be given here tomorrow at 11 a.m. for Game participants by the War Games Agency. DCI plans to attend.

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DDI alerted DCI to the possibility that Baker of the PFIAB may voice concern over USAF collection of intelligence [redacted]. DDI noted that this collection is coordinated with us and is welcomed by us.

DDI reported that an appropriate format has been worked out for biweekly reporting on various Communist statements concerning Vietnam.

DDI discussed a memo issued yesterday concerning control of rural population in South Vietnam. He explained that MACV reporting serves as the basis, but that analytic materials and conclusions reached are our own. deSilva pointed out the "imaginative" nature of the MACV reporting.

DDI cited a commendatory letter from Agriculture Secretary Freeman on the recent ORR economic handbook memo.

[redacted] referred to leaflet drops during ROLLING THUNDER operations. [redacted] also reported on late news that the Lebanese Cabinet had resigned.

Kent reported that the Reps are meeting this morning on the Vietnam SNIE which will be taken up at USIB tomorrow afternoon. Efforts will be made to have the draft SNIE ready by late this afternoon or evening.

At DCI inquiry, deSilva described the current status of the Vietnam Affairs Staff. The Staff is expected to be "in business" within 10 days after space is made available. Hopefully this will mean full operational status by 1 August.

At DCI inquiry, Houston explained the status of actions required as a result of the DCI appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee dealing with the Dominican Republic yesterday. The transcript and the memo dealing with the history of Communism in the DR will be amended in such a

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way as to show what was known about the Communist role at the time as compared with what we know now in retrospect. DDP noted that he had informed Bundy yesterday of the nature of the session and Houston explained that a copy of the memo on the history of Communism is on its way to Bundy this morning. Houston reported that J. Edgar Hoover may be called before the Committee and Sam Papich has been informed of the line the DCI took concerning the FBI role.

Bross noted a letter to DCI from Vance concerning review of SIGINT requirements, Designation of Einthoven to replace Fubini as the principal officer in DOD suggests that the former will become the DOD pegpoint on all intelligence requirements. Bross explained past relationships between the Agency and Einthoven.

There was a discussion of tomorrow's meeting of the [] Panel dealing with reconnaissance. It was agreed that DCI will make an appearance. It was also agreed that copies of a proposed letter for DCI's signature to Vance concerning [] should go to McMillan and Hornig as soon as possible.

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DDS&T reported a successful CORONA launch yesterday and on a very fine TACKLE mission over Hainan Island last night. DDCI noted that SAC had successfully flown U-2 reconnaissance last night over North Vietnam.

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DDS&T reported on results of analysis of []

[] Analysis continues, but thusfar shows that it was a []

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DDS&T reported [] Soviet space probe Zond-3 that will pass within 3,000 miles of the moon and might have a fly-by instrumentation mission.

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DDP noted current State Department sentiment concerning developments in [] as reflected in an outgoing Agency telegram.

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Executive Director noted that Webb of NASA, upon receipt of the NIE on Soviet space, has written to DCI agreeing not to make use of the Estimate without first consulting with the DCI.

Executive Director ticked off a list of letters of commendation for seven CIA personnel. All of the letters originate with BOB or DOD elements.

Executive Director noted that General D. Johnson, who is to be Chief, MAAG on Taiwan, will be here for briefings tomorrow.

Executive Director recommended that DCI arrange for a series of general briefings by Agency components in the course of getting himself briefed on budget matters.

DCI asked about the status of the preparation of a paper for him to use with the President on the need for a national planning task group on SEA. DDI said he was working on this.

DCI inquired about the status of preparation of a letter to Bundy on said this would be ready today or tomorrow.

DCI inquired about the status of the unsigned CORONA contract with Lockheed. Bross explained that recommendations for action had been given to Vance but no action has yet taken place pending resolution of the NRO problem.

DCI inquired as to the status the testing of a material to indicate that a person had fired a weapon. DDS&T explained that a paper on the reconnaissance matter is coming forward to DCI. Such reconnaissance is feasible. deSilva explained that field testing is being done this week on the chemical involved. DCI noted that this chemical, if satisfactory, should be planned to be made available to the Army and Marines, along with instructions for its use, for maximum dissemination.

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2. DCI wants to be informed as to why we were not made aware before hand of the [] (DDP and DDI)

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3. DCI directed that Bross work closely and cooperatively with Einthoven.

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5. Noting a letter from the President and the President's statements at a budget meeting recently, DCI noted that all Agency heads are directed to prepare to defend their budget by themselves. Any rise in expenditures must be offset by savings. DCI plans to spend about two hours per day for the next two weeks getting thoroughly informed on the Agency's budget. All hands were directed to assess their budgets and cut back on the obsolescence. Every program will be rationalized and justified. There is a need to develop and have ready illustrative examples and brochures concerning our programs.

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